

The Text Rendering Experience

Purpose:

To collaboratively construct meaning, clarify and expand our thinking about a text or document.

Roles:

A facilitator to guide the process.

A scribe to track the phrases and words that are shared.

Set Up:

Take a few moments to review the document and mark the sentence, the phrase, and the word that you think is particularly important for our work.

Steps:

1. First Round: Each person shares a sentence from the document that he/she thinks/feels is particularly significant. The facilitator highlights each sentence on a clean copy of the text.
2. Second Round: Each person shares a phrase that he/she thinks/feels is particularly significant. The scribe records each phrase.
3. Third Round: Each person shares the word that he/she thinks/feels is particularly significant. The scribe records each word.
4. The group then reads the new "text" out loud — beginning with the words, then moving on to the phrases, and then on to the sentences.
5. The small group discusses what they heard and any new insights they have about the text.
6. The large group debriefs the text rendering process.

*On 1st with words - phrases - sentences
x 2nd round - phrases - words
3rd - words - phrases - sentences*